



## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MONTANA

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization whose membership is open to men and women.

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Testimony in Favor of SB 202  
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Campaigns are getting more and more expensive, requiring even judicial candidates to spend significant amount of time and effort fundraising. Judicial races in other states have hit the million dollar mark, an unheard of amount just a few years ago. While there is no evidence of any Montana judge being influenced by campaign contributions, collecting donations from the very attorneys who may in the future appear before the judge, is not a good system.

The LWW believe that the methods of financing political campaigns should ensure the public's right to know, combat corruption and undue influence, enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office and allow maximum citizen participation in the political process.

The LWW believes that SB 202 accomplishes this aim for judicial races. We urge your support for SB 202.